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SUBJECT: ECON-COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION - AGRICULTURAL
WORKING GROUP

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 11005; (B) STATE 178796; (C) STATE A-4252
OF OCTOBER 21, 1977

1. OUR PRIMARY REASON FOR PROPOSING THAT THE AGRICULTURAL
WORKING GROUP MEET IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH IS THAT
WE WANT TO AVOID OVERLOADING THE DELHI CIRCUIT IN NOVEMBER.
IN ADDITION, DAWSON AHALT, THE U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN, HAS CON-
FLICTING COMMITMENTS IN THE FALL AND WOULD PREFER A SPRING
MEETING. MCCUNE'S SCHEDULING PROBLEM WAS ONLY A THIRD
FACTOR IN OUR DECISION.

2. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE WORKING GROUP NEEDS TO MEET
BEFORE THE SUBCOMMISSION DOES. THE WORKING GROUP FUNCTIONS
AUTONOMOUSLY, WITH LOOSE TIES TO THE SUBCOMMISSION. AT ITS
OCTOBER 1977 MEETING THE WORKING GROUP AGREED TO DELINK
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ITS MEETING SCHEDULE FROM THAT OF THE SUBCOMMISSION AND TO
MEET "AT A TIME MOST SUITABLE TO THE CONCERNED PARTICIPATING
EXPERTS." (REF C, PARA 18) FURTHER, SINCE A DISCUSSION OF
THE POSSIBILITY OF REPLACING THE WORKING GROUP WITH AN

AGRICULTURE SUBCOMMISSION IS LIKELY TO BE ON THE AGENDA
OF THE NOVEMBER SUBCOMMISSION MEETING, WE SEE A POSITIVE

PLANNING ADVANTAGE IN THE WORKING GROUP MEETING AFTER THE
SUBCOMMISSION.

3. PLEASE SEEK GOI AGREEMENT TO A MEETING OF THE AGRICUL-
TURE WORKING GROUP IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH AND ASK
THE GOI TO PROPOSE DATES. VANCE

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